Shortage of quality teachers

4011. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHR1 RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of huge shortfall of quality teachers in Central higher educational institutions as well as a shortage of 10 to 15 per cent faculty (6609 teachers) reported in 24 central universities;

(b) if so, how Government proposes to implement 27 per cent quota for other backward classes in the above institutions and to go ahead with its higher education expansion plans, as well as increasing the seats in institutions by 54 per cent, when they are finding it difficult to maintain ideal teacher-student ratio of 1:14; and

(c) by when Government expects to receive the Chadda Committee Report and implement the same in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), around 20% teaching posts were lying vacant in Central Universities as on 31st October, 2007.

(b) With a view to enabling the central higher educational institutions to meet the existing shortfall of quality teachers and to go ahead with their expansion plans on account of implementation of 27% quota for other backward classes, the steps taken by the Government include, enhancing the age of superannuation of teachers from 62 to 65 years, allowing the institutions to re-employee the teachers after superannuation till the age of 70 years, requiring the Committee constituted to review the scales of pay of teachers in the Universities and Colleges to make recommendations on ways and means of attracting and retaining talented persons in the teaching profession.

(c) The Chadda Committee is required to submit its report within one year of its constitution, *viz* by 5th September, 2008.

Requirement of additional teachers due to OBC reservation

† 4012. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional requirement of teachers in country's higher education system has been estimated, arising out of 27 per cent quota for OBCs in the country's educational institutes;

(b) if so, the number of additional teachers estimated to be required for 2008-09, under the additional requirement;

(c) the total shortage of teachers in this area of education in the country is March, 2008; and

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